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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>	Docket Number (Optional) 07589.0160.PCUS00
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In re Application of HJERTH	
Application Number 10/708,590	Filed 03/12/2004
For FLEXIBLE ELEMENT	
Group Art Unit 3683	Examiner SY

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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- I am the ☐ applicant/inventor
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- ☒ attorney or agent of record.
- ☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
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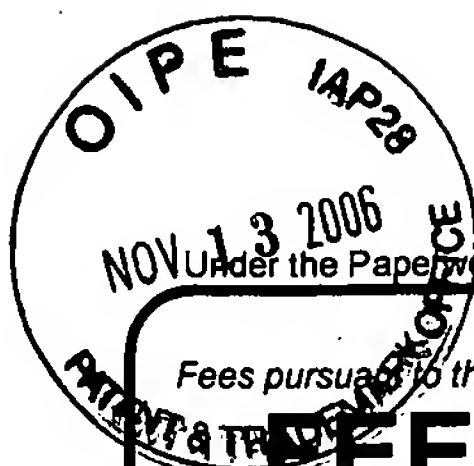
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**FREE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2006**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 1520**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/708,590
Filing Date	03/12/2004
First Named Inventor	HJERTH
Examiner Name	SY, Mariano Ong
Art Unit	3683
Attorney Docket No.	07589.0160.PCUS00

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**  
22 - 20 or HP = 2 x 50 = 100

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**  
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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Date 09/27/2006

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